

EXHIBIT C

January 29, 2025 Correspondence from Debtors

From: AP VENDOR INQUIRIES [<mailto:APVENDORINQUIRIES@biglots.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, January 29, 2025 10:42 AM
To: Jeana Miller
Cc: Matthew Pearson
Subject: RE: 318830 Maples Industries, Inc. - Status of Aged Invoices

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St	Reference	DocumentNo	Type	Doc. Date	Amount in local cur.
●	0092130	5118138682	RE	11/04/2024	62,717.88-
●	0093590	5118138683	RE	11/04/2024	34,022.59-
●	0096664	5118137553	RE	11/06/2024	52,092.46-
●	0096753	5118139289	RE	11/07/2024	62,676.68-
●	0097347	5118144541	RE	11/07/2024	21,659.93-
●	0116509	5118148406	RE	11/20/2024	17,800.31-
●	0117592	5118153627	RE	11/22/2024	25,919.72-
●	0117601	5118153628	RE	11/22/2024	59,418.44-
●	0120574	5118156603	RE	11/25/2024	54,056.18-
●	0124641	5118156071	RE	11/27/2024	34,300.16-
●	0124642	5118154414	RE	11/27/2024	59,814.94-
●	0124650	5118155828	RE	11/27/2024	57,268.09-
●	0124651	5118158937	RE	11/27/2024	62,682.04-
●	0126918	5118156072	RE	11/27/2024	50,898.65-
●	0140718	5118176986	RE	12/04/2024	32,262.14-
●	0142804	5118172909	RE	12/05/2024	20,186.88-
●	0144762	5118175662	RE	12/06/2024	64,999.48-
●	0144830	5118175130	RE	12/09/2024	34,839.24-
●	0150533	5118172467	RE	12/11/2024	65,296.64-
●	0150534	5118174362	RE	12/11/2024	27,943.08-
●	0154637	5118176182	RE	12/13/2024	65,276.90-
●	0154657	5118176193	RE	12/13/2024	34,309.72-
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To Our Valued Business Partners,

- We recently closed our sale agreement with Gordon Brothers Retail Partners, LLC, which will enable Variety Wholesalers, Inc. to acquire between 200 and 400 Big Lots stores that it plans to operate under the Big Lots brand, as well as up to two distribution centers.
- Variety Wholesalers is working to finalize and implement transition plans, including as they relate to the Company's vendor relationships.
- The Company will be in touch with you directly as soon as we have specific details to share about how this process will impact you.
- In the meantime, the Company is continuing to conduct going out of business sales and is no longer purchasing goods, except for those deemed essential to support the wind down of the business.
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- We are currently paying the necessary expenses to continue the GOB sales at stores. Other post-petition administrative expense payment procedures will be determined by the courts. The next scheduled court date is January 21.
- With respect to goods in transit, Big Lots intends to return goods to vendors where title has not yet been transferred to Big Lots.
- With respect to those goods where title has transferred to Big Lots, including goods currently on a common carrier, the Company intends to keep those goods.
- Big Lots is also in the process of determining the optimal path to resolving the Chapter 11 cases and paying administrative expense claims.
- At this time, Big Lots has not finalized the claims reconciliation process and cannot determine when distributions on account of filed claims will be made.
- If you have provided goods or services to our stores and wish to file a proof of claim, proof of claim forms and other information about the claims process are available at <https://cases.ra.kroll.com/BigLots>.
- We'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for your partnership over the years – your support is truly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Big Lots

From: Jeana Miller <JMiller@Maplesrugs.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 7, 2025 1:27 PM
To: AP VENDOR INQUIRIES <APVENDORINQUIRIES@biglots.com>
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Subject: 318830 Maples Industries, Inc. - Status of Aged Invoices

Please provide the status of the aged invoices. They are all well past the scheduled payment dates stated when I checked the AP Help Line.

Invoice #	PO #	AP Line	Due Dt	Amount
0096664	0095611097	12/13/2024	52,092.46	
0116509	0095611097	12/22/2024	17,800.31	
0124641	0095652926	12/29/2024	34,300.16	
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Thank you,

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